

Achieving the Impossible

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society
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Consideration



THOSE who do not know it can't be done are the people who achieve success. One pastor said last year: "Our church cannot raise its apportionment." He put it in a letter and signed his name to it. In the meantime he got to thinking about what he had done. A few weeks later he wrote another letter, telling of his distress of mind since posting the former letter. In the second letter he said: "We will have our full apportionment, plus the fifteen per cent. increase and at least \$200 additional." That \$200 proved to be over \$275 by April first.

Concentration

NOW is the time for all church leaders to concentrate their efforts upon what ought to be the greatest missionary victory Northern Baptists have ever known. April first will be here all too soon. Is it conceivable that any church would leave the raising of its share in the missionary work of the Kingdom to chance or to haphazard methods? This is an enterprise so important and so near to the heart of Christ that it calls for the greatest generalship on the part of pastors and people.

Cooperation

TO raise \$96,000 more than churches and individuals paid a year ago, for the work the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society is doing this year on its fields in non-Christian lands, is no small task. If it were small it might fail. If we are to succeed it will mean cooperation on the part of every church. The task calls for genuine team work everywhere.

We do not believe that Northern Baptists are so dead that our denomination will fail at such an hour in the world's history. Do you? It is time for the leaders in each church to ascertain the facts with reference to their missionary budgets. With the right kind of cooperation from now until April first success is possible. Would it not be the height of folly to wait until the last Sunday of March to make adequate plans for raising the funds needed for our great work?

Consecration

THE appeals from the fields are urgent. One missionary has borrowed \$1,000 on his own account rather than see his work suffer. Another writes: "If by June 1917 we do not have the money I shall in all probability have to close the school work here, since I am unable to burden myself with a heavy debt." Still another missionary after hearing the report concerning the close of the fiscal year last April wrote: "I confess that some of my optimism has vanished. In my imagina-

tion I felt like a soldier in the trenches who has received the news that the ammunition is giving out. Just when it seems to us we need it most, our supply of money is materially reduced."

REMEMBER that the failure of the church at home subjects the missionaries on the firing line to added burdens, overwork and discouragement.

**Their success abroad depends
on our support at home**

FOR additional literature or other information regarding the work of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, write to any of the following:

1. The District Secretary of your District.
2. Department of Missionary Education, 23 East 26th Street, New York City.
3. Literature Department, Box 41, Boston, Mass.